

# Prototype Land Measurements Portal

MODIS/VIIRS  
Science Team  
Meeting  
May 13-16, 2008




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# Land Measurements Portal

- \* The Land Measurements Portal provides a single location to find information and data products related to terrestrial observations.
- \* Promote new products and projects from sources other than agencies
- \* Sources of data now include:


NASA	USGS
ESA	JRS
JAXA	POSTEL
EUMETSAT	CNES
VITO	Multiple Universities


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**Quick Data Search**

Select Product:

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Refine by Spatial Scale: ☐ ≤ 500m ☐ ≥ 500m

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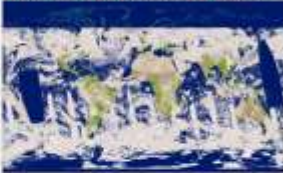
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**New Land Products / Projects**



LTDR is a NASA-funded REASoN project to produce a consistent long-term data set from AVHRR and MODIS instruments for climate studies. [Read more...](#)

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**International Coordination**

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
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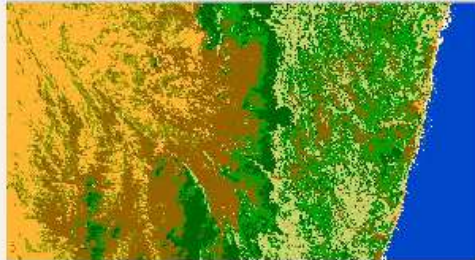

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## New Land Products / Projects



East Coast of Madagascar

The POSTEL Service Centre has produced the first global land cover map at 300 m resolution, discriminating the land surfaces in 22 classes, derived from full resolution MERIS / ENVISAT data acquired in the period May 2005 - April 2006. [Read more...](#)

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# Four Major Categories

<b>Vegetation Parameters Products Overview</b> →	<h2 style="color: red;">Vegetation Parameters</h2> <p>Satellite measurements of leaf area, biomass indicators, leaf duration and net primary productivity provide important inputs to parameterize or validate ecosystem process models. Need more text.</p>	
<b>Vegetation Indices</b> →	ESDR's Related to Vegetation Parameters	<b>Priority Measurement Initiatives for Vegetation Products</b>
<b>LAI / fPAR</b> →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Vegetation Indices</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">LAI and fPAR</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GPP and NPP</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Phenology</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation Indices               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– VI Intercomparisons AVHRR, MODIS, VGT (LPV) amongst sensors and between alternative indices (e.g. NDVI/EVI)</li> <li>– Integration of in-situ network data (validation of seasonal cycle)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LAI / fPAR               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– VIIRS Continuity of MODIS LAI product</li> <li>– AVHRR LAI historic record</li> </ul> </li> <li>• GPP and NPP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– VIIRS Product Continuity</li> <li>– Improved daily global meteorology (accuracy)</li> <li>– NPP&gt;NEE (soil respiration, and light use efficiency)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Phenology               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– In situ network (validation/calibration) – coordination with LTER and Fluxnet and Phenology Networks</li> <li>– Multi-instrument to overcome clouds (microwave R&amp;D)</li> <li>– Error propagation?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GPP / NPP</b> →		
<b>Phenology</b> →		

<b>Land Cover / Land Use Change Products Overview</b> →	<h2 style="color: red;">Land Cover / Land Use Change</h2> <p>Advancements in the quality and availability of many land cover and land cover change products, as well as their improved spatial and temporal coverage have enhanced the range and size of the land user community. Land products are increasingly used operationally for many applications including forecasting and change detection as well as policy and decision-making.</p>	
<b>Land Cover</b> →	ESDR's <a href="#">Land Cover and Change</a> <a href="#">Fire</a>	<b>Priority Measurement Initiatives for Land Cover, Land Cover Change, and Disturbance Products</b>
<b>Vegetation Continuous Field</b> →		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Cover and Change               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Mid Decadal Global Land Survey implementation (Phase 2/3)</li> <li>– Long Term Data Record (<a href="#">LTDR</a>) AVHRR/MODIS/VIIRS consistent land cover products</li> <li>– Reconciliation between land cover and continuous fields</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Land Cover Classification System (<a href="#">LCCS</a>) refinement leading to a hierarchical system and augmentation for seasonal systems (wetlands and agriculture (crop type etc) )</li> <li>• Fire               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Active Fire/Burned Area from VIIRS (data continuity)</li> <li>– Fire Radiative Power research and development and validation</li> <li>– Global Burned Area Validation Initiative (international - <a href="#">GOFC/GOLD</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Fire Disturbance</b> →		

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<b>Surface Radiation Budget Products Overview</b>	<h2 style="color: red;">Surface Radiation Budget</h2> <p>Satellite measurements of radiation parameters are used as inputs to global or regional Earth system models or decision support systems for environmental policy or natural resource management.</p>
<b>Surface Reflectance</b>	<p><b>Surface Radiation Parameter White Papers</b></p> <p><a href="#">Surface Reflectance</a>  <a href="#">LST/Emissivity</a>  <a href="#">BRDF/Albedo</a></p>
<b>Land Surface Temperature</b>	<p><b>Priority Measurement Initiatives for Radiation/Energy Budget Products</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAR and Incident Solar Radiation                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Internally consistent multi-instrument global gridded PAR (initial emphasis on MODIS to increase spatial resolution (5km) and consistency between products) (assumes validation)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Internally consistent multi-instrument global gridded LST (MODIS/ASTER/AIRS) – algorithm intercomparison first step</li> <li>– Internally consistent multi-instrument global gridded emissivity (MODIS/ASTER/AIRS) – algorithm intercomparison first step (assumes expanded cal/val activities and scaling)</li> <li>– Need to revisit the White paper to address diurnal cycle issue</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Albedo and Anisotropy                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Validation of global albedo products (international CEOS LPV)</li> <li>– Diurnal albedo</li> <li>– Multisource data set (see also <a href="#">snow albedo</a>)</li> <li>– Gap filled products for GCMers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>BRDF / Surface Albedo</b>	

<b>Land Hydrosphere Products Overview</b>	<h2 style="color: red;">Land Hydrosphere Products</h2> <p>Documenting the global water and energy cycle through modeling and observations is fundamental to achieve the goals of NASA's <a href="#">Earth Science Research Strategy</a>. Such documentation is needed to enable NASA and its supported investigators to acquire enhanced knowledge of Earth's climate, including characterizing the memories, pathways and feedbacks between key water, energy and biogeochemical cycles. With this enhanced knowledge, there is the potential for NASA to resolve its overarching scientific goal: How is the Earth changing and what are the consequences for life on Earth?, which the Earth Science Research Strategy further delineates into five areas related to variability, forcings, response, consequences, and predictions.</p>
<b>Snow Cover</b>	<p>ESDR's</p> <p><b>Priority Measurement Initiatives for Cryospheric Products</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snow Cover                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Snow water equivalent (R &amp; D)</li> <li>– Snow albedo validation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Surface Hydrology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Snow Cover</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Surface Hydrology</a></li> </ul>

# Community News

- \* The portal provides a source for international news and meetings relevant to the land remote sensing community
  - \* Submissions are gladly accepted
- \* The portal is also encouraging the development of international coordination and standardization of validation efforts

# Products and Sources



<b>MODIS -- Vegetation Indices</b> <a href="#">Product Description</a> <a href="#">Product Validation Information</a> <a href="#">Data Sources</a>	Funding Agency: <b>NASA</b> Developing Institution: <b>University of Arizona</b> Reference Paper: <a href="#">MODIS Vegetation Index Users Guide</a>	Spatial Coverage: <b>Global</b> Spatial Resolution: <b>500m</b> Temporal Resolution: <b>16-day</b> Product Archive: <b>2000-Present</b>
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# Sensors

## Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)

Mission Website:  
[Terra/Aqua](#)

Agency:  
[NASA](#)

Mission Lifetime / Length of Archive: **2000 - Present**  
Spatial Coverage: **Global**  
Spatial Resolution: **250m - 1km**  
Temporal Resolution: **Daily**  
Spectral Resolution: **[405-14.385](#)**  
Overpass Time: **10:30am / 1:30pm**

### Sensor Products

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### Sensors with Similar Spatial Resolution

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- [ASTER -- Terra](#)
- [GLI -- ADEOS-2](#)
- [MISR -- Terra](#)
- [MERIS -- ENVISAT](#)
- [RBV -- Landsat 1-2](#)
- [MSS -- Landsat 1-5](#)
- [TM -- Landsat 4-5](#)
- [ETM+ -- Landsat 7](#)
- [LISS -- IRS 1A-1D](#)
- [WIFS -- IRS 1C-1D](#)
- [IR-MSS -- CBERS 1-2](#)
- [CCD -- CBERS 1-2](#)
- [AWIFS -- IRS ResourceSat 1-2](#)
- [DMC -- DMC](#)
- [MMRS -- SAC-C](#)
- [OLS -- DMSP](#)

# Demonstration

\* [http://landportal.geog.umd.edu/portal/portal\\_login.php](http://landportal.geog.umd.edu/portal/portal_login.php)

Username:	betouser
Password:	vDcKX2

# Future Directions and Needs

- \* Product Cal/Val status is the next step in development
  - \* The portal promotes a coordinated, standardized validation for products
- \* Further review
  - \* Corrections or clarifications to products
  - \* **More sources**
    - \* New Products
    - \* What else does the community need or want to see?
- \* Outreach